

Prentice Centre Bulletin



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The Best Kept Secret On Campus!

Over the years, only a select few have known that the University has its own video production house. It's the Prentice Centre Television Unit and now we're making it more public and we're inviting staff and students from the University to make use of this facility.

Why would you want to make a video?

Here are a few reasons...

- to enhance your presentations
- to reduce repetition in lecturing, make a documentary or teaching tape — generally, more information is retained if the lecture is audio-visual.
- to record clinical trials on video — a picture can be worth a thousand words
- to practise a presentation to video for self assessment
- to make a promotional video for a special project
- to set up closed-circuit cameras for lecturing
- to include a video as part of an assignment or thesis
- to record an interview with a visiting academic in our studio
- to record archival material
- to use video in support of grant applications
- to use video as part of an interactive learning process

Time Well Spent

Making a video can be time-consuming but it is also a very rewarding experience. Your video can be as complex or simple as you like.

Time invested in making a video can often be recouped many times over; especially in lecturing, where you can replay the video to your class and then be available for questions or more creative work.

If you haven't had experience with this medium, we have trained staff who can help you. Some of the services we offer include:

- scriptwriting
- broadcast standard portable and studio recordings
- broadcast standard editing
- graphics and Titles
- music and sound mixing
- dubbing (all formats)
- conversions — any video format from around the world can be converted to the Australian system
- film to video conversions
- do-it-yourself editing

How much does it cost?

Videos can vary considerably in complexity so it is difficult to provide general costs. As a guide, the Television Unit charges an hourly rate of \$30 for University programs, plus material costs.

If you would like an estimation of the cost of making a video, or have any questions regarding your video requirements, please contact the Prentice Centre Television Unit's production coordinator, **Kym Hosking** on **365 2764**.



**If you've
experienced
difficulty
phoning us —**

you're not the only one. Apparently, when the exchange is saturated, you may hear a ringing tone while the called party's telephone maintains a silent vigil. We regret this inconvenience but it's beyond our control.

Virus Buster Available

Well, with the nones of March safely behind us, it's time to congratulate all those PC users who came through unscathed. But for those who didn't, don't forget that Prentice has arranged a site licence agreement with Leprechaun Software.

Under the terms of this agreement the Virus Buster software, an acknowledged leader in the prophylaxis of computer viruses, is available at heavily discounted rates to the University community (from \$79.95).

Virus Buster can be obtained in single Regular, the Network or the Advanced packages. Each package contains three major products — Buster, The Doctor and Watchdog.

The regular package is capable of defensive measures only; the advanced package, however, is capable of both detecting and removing viruses. The Network package, as its name suggests, is capable of detecting and defeating viruses over a Novell LAN.

Contact the **Technology Shop** on **365 3943** for further details about our extremely competitive pricing for staff, students, departments and sections.

1992 Centre Services Charges

It has unfortunately been necessary to increase many charges for Computing and Operations services for 1992 by about 5% on average.

The good news is that the costs of Laser printing have stayed the same and Optical Image Scanning / Character Recognition has been reduced. A lower "per page" charge has been introduced for Optical Mark Reading and processing where there are relatively few questions per page. Both heat binding and plastic ring binding have been set at the same price so that choice will no longer be determined by cost.

A current list of charges is contained in Prentice FactSheet 8 Version 8 (April, 1992) which has been widely distributed and which is available from Customer service — e-mail: cshep@cc.uq.edu.au; phone 365 4116.

New Machine Accounting Procedures

The Prentice Centre is currently implementing a new project management system for better control of the various services we provide. This system runs on the Unix(tm) host Brolga.

Central machine use has recently been integrated into this new system. Clients may have noticed a different account balance message when logging in. A project code and task code are now displayed along with the balance.

Former "charge" codes have been replaced by "Project" codes, and each computer username or userid is associated with a unique "Task" code in the new system. *When sending NEW ORDERS to the accounts desk, please quote your new PROJECT CODE, rather than (or as well as) the old charge code. All future statements and invoices will quote your project code.*

New Service: Educational Television Training and Support

Prentice welcomes new Consultant and Education Officer Gary Young, who will be developing training workshops and seminars on Audio Visual and Educational Television for staff and students of the University.

Gary has extensive experience in the area of educational television and can provide valuable service, training, and teaching support to staff and students.

He has worked closely with staff and students in producing academic and promotional programs and has participated in many research prospects involving media technology.

Recently, he directed the video tape titled *Decision Perception Analysis*, currently commercially available on the international market. During the past three years he has co-produced and directed twelve educational videotapes including a Health Science laserdisc for national distribution.

His professional and academic qualifications include a Diploma in Radio and TV Production and a Graduate Diploma in Media (AFTVS). He is an Associated Professional with the Institute of Radio and Electronic Engineers Australia, and an Executive Member of the Australian Society of Educational Technology (ASET).

Before coming to The University of Queensland, Gary was employed with Bond University as Co-ordinator of Audio Visual Services. Prior to that he was Audio Visual Services Officer with the Queensland Institute of Technology (now QUT).

More information on Gary's work in a later publication.

Multiple Choice Test Marking and Analysis Service Proving Popular

This service recorded 272 jobs for 1991 compared to 175 for 1990 and 127 for 1989. Not surprisingly, the most popular months appear to be June and November, with 66 and 103 jobs respectively in 1991. To date 33 departments have utilised the service.

As can be seen from the figures, use of this service is increasing, especially during the higher demand periods. Last year on-line editing of student answer sheets was introduced and met with immediate approval from regular clients.

Demand for the service is expected to continue to increase this year. Because of the likely June and November scramble, clients are advised to book as early as possible. Contact Customer Service on 36 54116.

For further information about this service please refer to Prentice Bulletins, Numbers 6 and 26, or contact Customer Service.

Prentice Course Schedule

May — June 1992

Course	UQ Price	Ext Price	Date	Time
May				
Introduction to MS DOS	\$80	\$240	May 19 – May 22	9 – 12 am
Introduction to VAX Mail	free	\$60	May 19	1 – 4 pm
Using AARNet	free	\$60	May 21	1 – 4 pm
Introduction to UNIX	free	\$240	May 25 – May 28	1 – 4 pm
Introduction to WordPerfect	\$80	\$240	May 26 – May 29	9 – 12 am
June				
Introduction to MS DOS	\$80	\$240	June 2 – June 5	9 – 12 am
Introduction to Word (Mac)	\$80	\$240	June 2 – June 4	1 – 4 pm

Bookings and Payment

To enrol in any course, telephone 365 3765 or come to the Customer Service on Level 2 (ground floor), Prentice Building. Bookings are to be confirmed by payment within 3 days.

Payment is to be made either by Interdepartmental requisition form, or by cash or personal cheque. The UQ Price is available to University staff and postgraduate students. Undergraduate students and external clients may pay the Ext Price.

Please address all correspondence to *Course Bookings, Prentice Centre.*